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SUBJ: SPANISH REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF LST'S

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1. REFTEL STATES THREE LST'S CURRENTLY ON LOAN TO SPANISH NAVY COULD POSSIBLY BE SOLD TO SPAIN WITH PRICE TO BE THAT IN EFFECT AT TIME OF RECEIPT OF SPANISH DIPLOMATIC REQUEST FOR PURCHASE. FOLLOWING IS FREE TRANSLATION OF NOTE VERBALE FROM MFA FORMALLY TRANSMITTING REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF LST'SC

2. BEGIN TEXT. MFA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE U.S.A. AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM IT THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DESIRE TO PURCHASE FROM U.S. THREE LST-TYPE LANDING SHIPS NOW ON LOAN WHOSE DESIGNATION IS AS FOLLOWS:
L-11 "VELASCO" (FORMERLY USS LST-1156 "TERREBONNE PARISH");
L-12 "MARTIN ALVAREZ" (FORMERLY USS LST-1168 "WEXFORD COUNTY"); L-13 "CONDE DEL VENADITO" (FORMERLY USS LST-1159 "TOM GREEN COUNTY").

3. THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS INFORMED US THAT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FOREGOING SHIPS, ESTIMATING THE PRICE OF EACH AT 350 THOUSAND DOLLARS, PLUS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

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4. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

FROM THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS PLEASE TO PRESENT BY MEANS OF
THIS NOTE VERBALE THE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE
THREE FOREGOING UNITS. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END OF TEXT.
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